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Large commercial use of moss ended in the 1970s, but even then moss was well past its heyday: moss' fortunes went into sharp decline when it was no longer used as upholstery stuffing for Henry Ford's Model T.

Moss pickers' fading fortunes



Visitors to Louisiana often marvel at the lush scenery, accentuated in many areas by Spanish moss floating gracefully on the slightest breeze from dignified oaks and ancient cypress trees.

Many would be surprised at the functional role Spanish moss played in the lives of the earliest Native Americans and European pioneers.

Native Americans taught the early settlers to make a moss and mud mixture, known as

bousillage, to stuff in the cracks of their crude split-timber and log cabins and shelters.

Others used moss to make tea to treat diabetes. Some curative folk remedies had moss mashed into soaking solutions to relieve the pain of childbirth, rheumatism and hemorrhoids. The most widespread commercial use for the "Spanish beard" was as upholstery stuffing for Henry Ford's Model T automobiles. Until replaced by synthetic fibers, moss



A long pole is used to reach into a large cypress (far left) on the north shore of Lake Verret in Assumption Parish. Harry Metrejean, 52, (below) has been collecting moss since he was 16.

'Moss used to be hanging in the water. We used to pick 300, 400 boxes a day. Now, it's maybe 40 boxes a month.'

-Harry Metrejean



also was used as furniture stuffing well into the 1970s.

Many an early 20th century fisherman or farmer was able to make ends meet by paddling out into the swamp with a hook attached to a long pole and harvesting the fuzzy gray epiphyte. Louisiana was one of only two states where moss ginning was a sizable industry.

Today, Wilbert Hebert and Harry Metrejean of Pierre Part in Assumption Parish still man-

age to derive a small income from moss picking for the floral supply market in Houston.

Moss picking for profit is nothing new to the 76-year-old Hebert.

"I've been picking moss since I was 11. When I was 18 I started talking about getting married and I asked my old man for 25 cents for every dollar of the moss," Hebert said as he held his wife Loretta's hand.

Smiling at his wife, Hebert said, "He **See Moss pickers, page 2**



Eve Vincent pours out a cup of hot moss tea.

Folk remedies: good for what ails you

Wetlands, woodlands and language barriers no longer isolate Louisiana citizens in an Internet age of instant gratification, super highways, mass marketing and universal health care.

Nearly every resident of the state has access to health care many times greater than that of his or her parents and grandparents. But before HMOs, specialized medicine, charity hospitals, nurse practitioners and hospice there were the *remède-man* and the spiritual *traiteurs* (treaters).

It wasn't that long ago that every rural family, especially in south Louisiana, was familiar with the curative powers of the *mamou* or coral tree, *laurier* or sweet bay magnolia, citronella and Spanish moss. These plants were found in many country gardens, but as new traditions and cultural shifts took hold and became the norm, the old ways and manners of earlier generations faded to a distant memory.

Old folk-remedy knowledge has lain dormant for so long, 76-year-old Eve Vincent can only remember a few cures her moth-

er used to treat the ailments of her family and her rural neighbors.

'Momma would bring all the treatments, sacks of it. Sometimes she would have to search on the island for more plants.'

-Eve Vincent

"She was a doctor," Mrs. Vincent said of her mother, Martine Faulk Mallet of the Bayou Tigre area in Vermilion Parish.

In the first half of the 20th century, the struggle between life and death was constant and always near. From her home in Erath in Vermilion Parish, Mrs. Vincent recalled recently the story of her own family. Her mother bore eight children, but three died in childhood despite her medicinal knowledge. One died in the flu pandemic of 1918, another had a pancreatic disease. A third child died at birth during a late-life pregnancy.

Every winter the entire family would make the voyage across Vermilion Bay's widest crossing to Marsh Island for a three-month stay to trap muskrat and nutria.

"Momma would bring all the treatments, sacks of it," said **See Folk remedies, page 2**

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thought it was a good idea."

Hebert said he sends three pickers out into Lake Verret once a month to pick the moss.

Hebert, who has seven children, also owns the Lakeview Inn on the channel entrance to Lake Verret.

"I got three pickers, that's all I can afford. It's not really for the money, but it's nice to get a little check once a month," Hebert said.

Harry Metrejean, one of Hebert's moss pickers, has picked moss for extra money off and on since he was 16 years old.

"I've picked moss for a few different people. Lawrence Duet in Labadieville had a gin a long time ago. Just about everybody back in those days picked a little moss," the 52-year-old Metrejean said.

Hebert sells about 4,000 pounds of moss to the "Moss Lady," aka Jessica Lacy of Humble, Texas.

Lacy and her company, Spanish Moss Unlimited, have developed a local market in the Houston area for the moss. She sends truck driver Terry Stevens also from Humble, every ten days or so to pick up a shipment.

"It's used as an interior foliage mulch. I used to sell it directly to plant services, but now I sell it at a distribution price to floral supply houses," Lacy said.

Unlike moss used as furniture stuffing that needed to be ginned, Lacy said the moss used for indoor plant bedding needs no processing other than cleaning out the sticks and other debris entangled in the mossy tendrils.

"Spiders are the number one problem and sometimes bats are stuck in the moss," Lacy said.

But all three moss collectors are of an age to have witnessed the decline in the fortunes of moss, both in abundance and commercial appeal.

Despite the fact that moss is hanging from every tree in Lake Verret, Metrejean shakes his head and moans.

"Moss used to be hanging in the water. We used to pick 300, 400 boxes a day. Now, it's maybe forty boxes a month," Metrejean said.

Hebert said that the 3,700-pound load he's sending to Houston used to be picked in one day.

He suspects pollution and migratory cormorants, which number in the thousands during the winter, have curtailed moss growth.

"Where they go, the moss don't grow," Hebert said. He pronounces cormorant, *co-mow-rahnt*, in the French style.

Lacy believes it's the pollution. "I went to the lower Atchafalaya area near Grand Lake and I hate to say it, but what I expected to see wasn't there. The moss was sparse and black," the moss entrepreneur said.

Lacy said in recent years there hasn't been enough rain to wash away the pollutants that gather on the moss.

"It's a combination of air pollution and drought that's causing our moss to die off."

No doubt moss picking is a dying industry, but right now it consumes a lot of Lacy's free time.

"Sometimes I feel I don't have a personal life, but my business is my personal life."



Wilbert Hebert (top left, clockwise) has collected moss for more than 65 years. Terry Stevens measures out a 100-pound box of moss for a 3,700-pound load going to Houston. Eve Vincent steeps moss tea. Frenchie Vincent enjoys the lemon fragrance of citronella and Mrs. Vincent uses swamp bay laurel in a home remedy.



'Gris gris' roots run deep in La.

Only in the last century has modern medicine, spurred on by the trauma-care needs of two World Wars, replaced home remedies from natural products that evolved over thousands of years.

Today, giant pharmaceutical companies hawk the latest drug *du jour* through hundreds of satellite and cable-tv channels, the Internet, thousands of magazines, doctor's offices and parish health units.

More recent advances in nutrition, and a mounting awareness of what's healthy and what's not, compete alongside the fat-laden



foods served in national fast food restaurants for the attention of the American consumer.

Lost in the confusing health claims and scientific shuffle are the old remedies that every country grandmother knew to treat croup, warts and *mal au ventre* (stomach-ache).

Cultural seclusion, along with the limited economic and educational prospects of pre-WWII southwestern French Louisiana, created conditions that allowed the antiquated folk treatments and traditions to persist. In 2003, remnants of that knowledge can still be found

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Mrs. Vincent. "She would sometimes have to search on the island for more plants."

Malvin 'Frenchie' Vincent, Eve Vincent's son, now a nuclear pharmacist for Cardinal Health in Lafayette, said it was crucial for his grandparent's generation to know the old remedies, especially during the isolation of the cold trapping season.

"On Marsh Island the seasons change and there's an open wind because there is nothing to stop it in the marsh. It's hot, it's cold and you're always wet because you are walking in the mud," Malvin said. "You could catch two or three pneumonias in a month."

When Malvin went to pharmacy school in the 1970s at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, he told his professor, pharmacognosy specialist Dr. William Keller, of his grandmother's knowledge of the old folk remedies, and specifically of her use of Spanish moss to treat sugar diabetes. Pharmacognosy is the study of primitive medicines from plant and animal sources.

Keller, now a vice president for Nature's Sunshine Products, was intrigued and journeyed to Erath to interview Mrs. Mallet. Mrs. Mallet only spoke French so Malvin translated for Dr. Keller.

Dr. Keller's research had some positive results, one the now very popular statin drug.



"We isolated the actual statin in the moss and found that it lowered blood sugar and blood glucose. Unfortunately, large doses were required to be effective and back then I couldn't get any of the larger pharmaceutical firms to help fund further research," Keller said.

Mrs. Vincent doesn't remember exactly how her mother found out about the Spanish moss treatment for diabetes.

"Other ladies passed it on down," Mrs. Vincent said as she placed some moss into boiling water to make tea.

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CATTLE

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Simm. bull, born 7/30/01 & heifers born 3/15/01, w/calf, both reg. & pb, bull, \$1500; heifer & calf, \$1500. Bobby Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4215.

(14) Reg. Brangus bulls, big & stout, 18 mos., \$1750/1; (26) reg. Brangus bulls, 12 mos., \$1500/1; (26) Brangus females, 4-7 yrs., ready for bull, \$650/1, del. avail. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2345.

Reg. Char. cattle, 3/N/1's, \$1200-\$1500; bulls, 20 - 24 mos., \$1500-\$1800; open heifers, \$700/1. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3270.

Braford heifers, open & exposed to Brangus bulls, all shots & gentle, \$700/1-up; Brangus bulls, 2-3 yrs., \$1250/1-up. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Bull, ½ Red Angus & ½ Simm., 18 mos., top bloodline, \$800. Ronnie Duplantis, Houma; (985) 594-5065.

Reg. Angus, young cows & bred heifers, all are A1 sired & bred back to A1 bulls, Bando 5175, Leachman Explorer, Hi-Profile, Fame, \$1400/1-up. Wayne Mouch, Addis; (225) 322-6100.

(20) Good cross-bred heifers, bred to Angus bull, \$700/1. Johnny Gaudet, Abbeville; (337) 898-1699.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmysdad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmysdad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

Reg. polled Hereford bulls, top bloodlines, from Enforcer, Victor Felton, ready for service, \$900/1-up. Ben Monic, Evangeline; (337) 824-1199.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 8 mos., \$550. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

Simm. & Simbrah polled bulls, solid colors, very gentle, all shots,

7 mos.-2 yrs., \$550-\$1150/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

Reg. Texas Longhorn bull, blk./wh., 2 yrs., excel. bloodlines, proven breeder, \$650. John Whitaker, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8418.

(11) Brangus heifers, 18 mos., exposed to LBW Twin Valley Angus bull since March, \$750/1. Brent Gueho, St. Gabriel; (225) 642-9898.

Reg. Limousin bull, w/papers, 6 yrs., \$700. A. P. Rachel, Ethel, 70730; (225) 683-4361.

(450) Brangus heifers, exposed to LBW Angus bulls, 3/1/03, gentle & keeping kind, \$700/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

(70) Crossbred heifers, 3/8 Brahman Brangus type, few tiger stripes, will sell now or preg. test in Sept., \$760/1, if all taken. Carroll Gueho, Baton Rouge; (225) 766-2363.

Reg. blk. Angus heifers, bred to reg. Angus bull, 20 mos., bred 4-5 mos., \$1200/1. Hulon Stevens, Loranger; (985) 878-6519.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls & pairs, \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(3) Reg. Char. bulls, 21-38 mos., Intimidator & Magna bloodlines, \$950-\$1250, gentle, long, calves to show, older bull, tested & ready for heavy service; reg. open Char. heifers, 21 mos., \$700, will consider trades for beef type heifer/cow/calves. Ed Dugas, Carencro; (337) 896-4335.

Reg. Brangus & reg. horned Hereford herd bulls, gentle & calves to show, \$1000/1. J. Hebert, Franklin; (337) 828-1967.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 15-18 mos., semen tested bulls, cert. brucellosis free herd \$1000/1-up. M. J. Hebert, Youngsville; (337) 856-4277.

Reg. blk. Simm. bull, excel. quality, 2300 lbs., makes small calves, \$2000. Keith Guillory, Ville Platte; after 5 p. m. (337) 363-7101.

Holstein heifer, \$525; Holstein Jersey cross heifer, \$500; Angus Jersey cross heifer, \$385, ready to breed, gentle & nice. Elmer Langley, Kinder; (337) 738-2098.

Reg. horned & polled Hereford bulls, 18 mos., excel. bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, \$1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

Polled Hereford bulls, 6 mos., excel. quality, gentle, great EPD's, embryo calves, ready to wean, \$600/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 15-16 mos., pasture raised, 1000-1200 lbs., will deliver, \$1200/1. John Collins, Ruston; (318) 255-3761.

Reg. Holstein cow, daughter of Tesk, \$700. L. Champagne, Cut Off; (985) 632-3389.

Reg. Brahman bull, born 4/28/01, very gentle, halter broken, excel. for F1 program, \$1150. George Krieg, Youngsville; (337) 856-5002 or (337) 277-9455.

Char. bulls, \$800/1-up. Clyde Orgeron, Lockport, 70374; (985) 532-5176.

Reg. Char. heifers, ready to breed, \$1000/1. Simone Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954.

BBU Beefmaster bulls, red, gentle, pasture wise, good bloodlines, clean lines, 18 mos., \$775/1, you pick. Freddie Carter, Greensburg; (225) 222-4368.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, 8-9 mos., \$700/1-up; reg. yrlg. bulls, \$875/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, heifers, \$700/1; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500/1. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls & calves, male & female, \$500/1-up. Harry Latiolais, Lafayette; (337) 234-1981.

Reg. Texas Longhorns, modern deep bodied cattle, w/lots of color, bloodlines & horn, (1) young steer, \$225; (4) heifers & (1) bull, \$325-\$600/1 or \$2200/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Reg. Brangus heifers, 7-8 mos., all very gentle, wormed, vaccinated & conditioned, \$550-\$600/1. Sharlane Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 777-4909.

Reg. Brangus bulls, all very gentle, (1) 18 mos., ready for service, \$1000; (1) 10 mos., off A1 sire Typesetter, \$700; (3) weans, 7-8 mos., \$600/1. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 777-4909.

Pb blk. Simm. bull, 11 mos., nice, \$750; (4) open blk. heifers, 10 mos. & older, Fleckvick & Black Mick bloodline, all cattle with or w/o reg. papers, \$650/1-up. Mancel Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-9922.

Herd reduction, reg. Angus, (8) bulls, 2 yrs., \$1000-\$1700; open heifers, \$1000; cows or cow/calf prs., \$800-\$1200. Gurley Maurin, Hammond; (985) 345-3726.

(300) Brangus, top quality replacement heifers, bred to large frames, vacc., very gentle, sell any amount, \$850/1. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

Comm. show heifers, halter broke, gentle, several to choose, 500+ lbs., \$700/1-up. Brent Broussard, Jennings; (337) 824-5617.

(8) Pr. of very gentle crossbred cows w/calves, Char. type & Braford type, blk. w/wh. face, \$750/pr. & up. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

(4) Braford heifers, 3/8 x 5/8, gentle, excel. color & conform., 10-14 mos., all shots, wormed, on feed, \$2800/all. Stefanie Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Reg. blk. Angus cow/calf prs., \$1200/1-up; bred heifers, \$900. Noble Mabou, Deville; (318) 466-5391.

Reg. Ayrshire cow, born 3/28/92, great 4-H project, easy to handle, \$500. Karen Saizan, Port Barre; (337) 585-2269.

Reg. polled Char. bulls, 1 yr., grandsons of HBR program Z97P, '02 multi-trait leader, excel. EPD's & disp., \$750/1. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9723.

F-1 Steers & heifers, Santa Gertrudis x Gelbvieh, can be reg., milk & grain fed \$1/lb. & up,

depending on weight. Ignacio Valledor, Mandeville; (985) 630-1520 or (985) 898-0306.

(1) Reg. Brangus cow, \$900; reg. Brangus bulls, 7 mos. & up, \$650/1-up, show prospects avail. Dale Clark, Rayne; (337) 873-8188.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, \$800/up. Bud Gautreaux, Rayne; (337) 334-2043.

Reg. Brangus bulls, Brinks bloodline, 1 ½ -2 ½, \$800-\$1100. Robert Coleman, Franklinton; (985) 848-9714.

(2) Reg. Red Angus bulls, A1, great EPD's, \$1200/1. Ron Williams, Jennings; (337) 824-5586.

Reg. gray Brahman heifers, 1 ½ yrs., \$6000/5. R. V. Lambert, Alexandria; (800) 492-3995.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12-17 mos., good cond., \$1100. Eugene Dunn, Columbia; (318) 649-5105.

(5) Commercial Brangus heifers, \$650/1; exposed to Angus bull, \$1000; (6) Brangus yrlg. heifers, \$450/1, del. avail. Barbara Pecot, Greensburg; (225) 222-6971.

(200) Brangus type heifers, 900 lbs., exposed to Angus bulls, since 1/03, \$700-\$750/1. Gary Anderson, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0980.

(3) Beefmaster cross heifers, 13-16 mos., out of Lasater bred bulls, \$650/1 or \$1800/all. Dwight Bertrand, Elton; (337) 734-2129.

18 mos. Char. bull, polled, no bad habits, gentle, \$1100. Philip Melancon, Church Point; (337) 873-6232.

Reg. Simm. bull, 15 mos., dark red, w/blaze face, \$750. Joseph Genusa, Amite; pgnusa@charter.net or (985) 748-5955.

(3) Reg. red Gelbvieh cows, w/bull calves, (2) 6 yrs., (1) 3 yr., \$1200/pr.; 3 yr., reg. red Gelbvieh, fb, polled bull, \$1000/1. Don Richter, Opelousas; (337) 948-9298.

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AQHA mares & colts, by Snorty Lena, Dulces Peppy, Doc Sugs, Sonita's Last, Tenino San bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. Charles Champagne, Cut Off; Web site: www.geocities.com/cmc70345 or (985) 632-3389.

Mini horse mare sale, (15) class A, some around 28", \$875/1-up; Clydesdale mare, reg., gentle, \$600. A. B. Morris, Kentwood, (504) 229-6655.

1985 Pal. mare, daughter of Especial, own son of Doc Bar, War Leo, Freckles Playboy, Bocs Jack Frost, Jewels Leo Bar on papers, \$3500. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; after 7 p.m. (337) 363-5590.

1982 Bay mare, Peponita, Leo San, Miss Glascock, Power River, Circle S Bear, heavy built, excel. broodmare, \$600. Cindy Briley, Ville Platte; after 7 p.m. (337) 363-5590.

2000 Sorrel geld., Grandson of Peppy San Badger, dbl. bred Leo, very gentle, rides & loads easy, great disp., \$1500. Casey Briley, Ville Platte, (337) 363-5590.

2001 Buckskin grullo geld., Skippa Star, Ty Co Rojo, Uno Twist, Bogie Black, Trena Pat., very gentle, easy loader, great disp., \$1000. Shane Briley, Ville Platte; after 7 p.m. (337) 363-5590.

AQHA 3 yr. geld., Doc Sug grandson, 30 days training, experienced rider, \$1500 obo. Hilary Stephenson, Bueche; (225) 627-4348.

QH geld., very gentle, for anyone to ride, 20 yrs., \$800. Pat Benoit, Breau Bridge; (337) 332-3125.

Reg. Arabian blk. stallion, dbl. Aladdin, dbl. Bask, \$2500. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian yrlg., blk. stud colt, dbl. Aladdin, quad. Bask, w/top bloodlines out of Live Oak Arabians & Gangi farms, \$2000. Janice Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian wean., dbl. Aladdin, quad Bask, w/top bloodlines out of Live Oak Arabians & Gangi farms, \$2000. Danielle Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Arabian mare, Bay Cognac granddaughter, in foal to reg. blk. Arab. stallion, pure Polish bloodlines, must sell, will sacrifice, \$1500. David Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

APHA sorrel/overo mare, out of Adios Amigos & Ute Pudden, green broke, 30 days pro training, moving must sell, \$900. Dette Rainwater, Greenwell Springs; (225) 252-0871 or (225) 654-3405.

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Reg. TW weans. & yrlgs., buckskin, pal., blue roan, spotted, sorrel, white, blk. & bay, \$1000/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

Reg. QH mare, 16 yrs., 16 hands, ranch horse, w/excel. handle, easy keeper, super gentle disp., hauls easy, bay color, \$2500. Lynette Kleinpeter, Ethel; (225) 683-5187.

2003 AQHA show filly, by world champ. Ima Cool Kelo, out of world champ. producing daughter of Impressive Poise, \$3500. Sandy Lantrip, Ethel; (225) 683-1002.

1999 APHA daughter of Decisive, world champ. mare, has halter points, would make good pleasure horse also, \$3800. David Brunt, Ethel; (225) 683-3227.

AMHR miniature stallion horse, 10 yrs., lineaback dun, very gentle, \$800. Shirley Marshall, Hessmer; (318) 563-4983.

1998 AQHA/PHBA stallion, dbl. bred Skipper W, golden pal., 15.1 hands, pro training started in working cow horse, sound, no vices, \$3500. Rick Odom, Baton Rouge; (225) 933-4314.

2001 AQHA sorrel filly, started under saddle, Skipper W, Doc Bar, Wimpy bloodlines, quiet, sound, no vices, easy keeper, 15 hands, \$2500. Nan Odom, Baton Rouge; (225) 405-2057.

Reg. Peruvian Paso stallion, '91, true blk., very long mane, tail & forelock, a gentle man, \$2400; reg. Peruvian Paso geld., '98, bay, green broke, but well gaited, tall & flashy, (2) rear socks, \$1950. Carol Thoeirig, Covington; (985) 893-8161.

1988 AQHA sorrel geld., barrels, poles, stakes, can rope, \$4500; '88 AQHA blk. geld., barrels, poles, heads, \$3500. Steven Gaar, Dodson; (318) 628-2090.

Reg. AQHA geld., 16 yrs., anyone can ride, great ranch or trail horse, some team roping, in great shape, \$1500. Michael Fontenot, Opelousas; (337) 942-2771.

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA weans. & yrlgs., stud colts & fillies, \$1200/1-up. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

Reg. App. geld., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred; 14.2 hand mare mule, \$1000/1. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(2) AQHA reg. fillies, (1) yrlg., & (1) wean., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Sonny Dee Bar bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. A. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(2) Blk. mules, 15+ hands, w/all harnesses & big covered wagon, equipped for week long rides, \$6000/all. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(2) 4 yr., blk./wh. paint geld., \$1250/1, w/tack. J. Hebert, Franklin; (337) 828-1967.

AQHA sorrel yrlg. stud colt, Peppy Doc Again, Special Effort, Blondy's Dude, excel. conform. & disp., \$3500. Gerald Ducote,

Simmesport; (318) 941-2748.

Reg. TW & racking wean., sorrel w/star, \$1500; pal. TW filly, 3 yrs., anyone can ride, \$2800; TW, 2 yr. sorrel filly, just starting under saddle, \$2500. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 353-8138.

Reg. pb Arab. at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blks., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

AQHA dark pal. stud colt, 22 mos., Impressive bred, HYPP N/N, \$1600. A. Barbee, DeRidder; (337) 463-5993.

Reg. pb Arab. stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$500 down & up. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

2000 APHA blk. geld., gentle, easy handle, started on barrels, Doc's Sug & King Hankins bloodlines, \$2700 obo. Catherine Hanna, Ruston; (318) 247-0071.

Jack, 2 yrs., \$200. Cody Adickes, Jennings; (337) 658-7466.

8 yr. Pal. mare, great trail riding horse, loads & hauls excel., lots of mountain riding, easy to ride, \$1000. M. Gonzales, Napoleonville, (985) 526-8468 or (985) 369-2907.

Reg. APHA blk./wh. overo, 2 yr. geld., big hips, little head, great conform. & disp., 90 days riding, all around show prospect, \$3500. Lisa Champagne, St. Martinville; (337) 394-1222 or (337) 374-8353.

APHA reg. chestnut/tobiano, 7 yr. geld., needs experienced rider, sire Black Burn Sizzler, dam Double Trouble Deck, \$2500 obo; APHA reg. breeding stock mare, 5 yrs., sire Formidable Request, dam Lady's Last Joker, \$2500 obo. Doy Prejean, Carencro; (337) 896-6477.

APHA homozygous mares, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1995/1-up. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

2001 & 2002 AQHA sorrel fillies, good cutting horse prospect, 2001, \$1750; 2002, \$1500. Jean Causey, Prairieville; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

AQHA mare, granddaughter of Doc O'Lena, Puddenhead, Sugar Bars on bottom, bred to own son of Bob Acer Doc, 12 yrs., \$4000. Kaylee Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

AQHA geld., own son of Mr. Jess Perry, Panama Gold bottom, great barrel prospect, great conform., rides good, 6 yrs., \$7500. Janiece Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

AQHA cutting mare, has C.O.A. & money won on her, Doc Bar top-side, Doc Quixote bottom, solid & sound mare, ready to show, \$15,000. Rudy Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

AQHA 2 yr. colt, own son of Starlight Joy, great head & conform., ready to break & start, flashy colt, \$7500. Clint Douglas, Slaughter; (225) 921-0452.

2003 stud colt, King top & bottom, yrlg. pal. stud, \$1500/1, also gelds., 3 & 4 yrs., will consider

trades for King mares. Danny or Dee Newman, Bogalusa; (985) 730-6622.

Gentle, anyone can ride, 11 yr. red roan mare, does barrels, some pen roping, 14 hands, 1000 lbs. Geri Doyle, Sulphur; (337) 558-5818.

Reg. QH mare, 15 yrs., sired by Page Steel, broke & gentle, great broodmare, w/foals to show, \$800; top filly weanling foal, line bred, Lee's Page Boy, out of above mare, \$1000. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

2003 Pal. filly, AQHA, golden, star-strip, (2) wh. feet, Colonel Freckles, Doc Ware, Doc Sug, King, Jewel's Leo Bars bloodlines, \$1200. Norma Munch, Amite; (985) 748-6165.

AQHA, sorrel, star-strip, granddaughter of Freckles Playboy, Lot A Lynx, Doc's Lynx, Doc Sug, \$2500, trade AQHA mare, dapple gray. Robert Munch, Sr., Amite; (985) 748-6165.

Miniature donkey, wean. male, w/blk. points, will probably have blk. final colt, bonded w/people, \$300. Ronnie Shaw, Lake Charles; (337) 479-2406.

1998 AQHA red dun mare, started cutting/penning, 120 days training, Triangle Gold War/Lenas Skeezix, good disp., never bred, \$3000. John Lurry, Port Allen; (225) 627-6411 or (225) 324-7063.

2001 bay mare, halter broke & handled regularly, Sport Model Ethan/Blondies Injun (Jet Injun), blaze face, great conform. & disp., \$1750. Tonya Lurry, Port Allen; (225) 627-6411 or (225) 324-7063.

1984 AQHA finished cutting mare, sorrel, places regularly at shows, wonderful disp., perfect for beginning/experienced cutter or child, never bred, \$5500. J. T. Lurry, Port Allen; (225) 627-6411 or (225) 324-7063.

AQHA pal. mare, pal. paint mare, sorrel mare, buckskin, blk./wh. mare, mares bred, APHA studs, colts, (14) total, \$750/1-up; donkeys & burros, some mini & wh., bred, \$300-\$500. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

National show horse stud colt, no papers, fawn color, \$1500 obo; APHA filly, \$1800 obo; several riding horses, kid safe, \$1500/1, medical reasons necessitate sale. Christina Miller, Killian; (225) 695-6746.

AQHA geld., 23 mos., foundation bred, bulldog type, stout, gentle, loads, ready to start, \$1000. J. Almond, Denham Springs; (225) 791-9581.

1 Yr. TB colt, sire Finest Hour out of Forty Niner, dam Shear Water by Track Rebel, \$1000. Chester Thomas, Loranger; (985) 796-9417.

TWHBEA 5 yr., beautiful tobiano, experienced trail horse, no bad habits, \$2000. Bryon Tarver, Oberlin; (337) 639-4971.

2003 AQHA gray filly, gentle, halter broke, gorgeous, Two-Eyed Jack, Jet Deck, must see, \$1500. Buck Harris, Baton Rouge; (225) 769-2978.

Reg. App. 2 yr. dark brown filly, out of own daughter of Alias King by an AQHA blk. stallion, great disp., stocky build, both parents avail. for viewing, \$900 obo; 3 yr.

AQHA dapple gray mare, w/blk. points, Conclusive bred, exposed to blk. AQHA stallion, green broke, \$1200. J. Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

2003 Weans., all colors & riding horses, Peppy San Badger, Doc O'Vegas Boy, Doc O'Lena, Dry Doc, Peppy San, Doc Sugs, Freckles Playboy, Peponita, Cactus Ben bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. Debra Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or page (225) 234-2322.

AQHA geld., Puddenhead, shown district & state, great disp., 6 mos. pro training, \$3500; reg. paint mare, 4-H shown, overo, \$2000; mini stallion, 3 mos., \$400; 3 mo. paint, QH breeding, \$1000. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

2002 AQHA colt, Strait Silver x Peppys Molly, super nice colt, out of the \$46,000 roping stud from the 4 (6's Ranch in Texas) \$1800. Louis Munch, Brusly; (225) 322-6100.

1999 AQHA gray geld., Docs Budha x Go Man Go grandson, good handle, excel. ranch horse & good barrel prospect, \$3500; 1999 AQHA bay geld., foundation bred, roped steers in pasture, \$3500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Yrlgs., Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

(40) Reg. QH, all ages, King Ranch, King P-234 & Doc Bar breeding, \$1000/1-up. P. J. Spears, Jr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5398.

AQHA 4 yr., lineaback red dun, big, flashy & gentle, trail riding & started on cattle sorting, \$3000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

16 Yr. bay geld., QH/Arab., beautiful, very gentle, easy keeper, used for pleasure & started barrels, fast, must sell, \$1500 obo. Jill Parkman, Ruston; (318) 251-2473.

(2) Unregistered paint mares, 4 yrs., good in pen & in woods, \$1000; 7 yr., energetic, barrel prospect, started heeling, beautiful horse, \$2500. Malcolm Griffith, Jamestown; (318) 894-2868.

Sweet 10 yr. red/wh. App. geld., all shots & vacc., \$1500 obo. Kelly Landry, Folsom; (985) 796-9485.

1995 Young Gun geld., good handle, light turn back use, excel. penning/sorting prospect, sound, easy keeper, smart, good for any rider, \$3000. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

AQHA sorrel mare, outstanding bloodlines, started on barrels, works cows & trail rides great handle, neck reins, easy stop, trailer loads, stands tied, no problem, 15.2 hands, 1100 lbs., \$3000. Patti Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976

AQHA '03 dark chestnut filly, Imprinted at birth & handled daily, Outstanding bloodline, Page Steel, Aguila Baron Chocolate Convoy, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar & others, \$1500 neg. Jim Thompson, Springfield; (225) 294-7976 or luckyt@charter.net

1996 AQHA bay mare, W. Pleasure Futurity winner/point earner, \$6000, w/red dun colt, will

sell separate; AQHA King Fritz mare, bred to CLS Rocked Steady, \$3000. Vicki Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

(2) Thoroughbreds, well bred yrlg. fillies, \$3000; (1) well-bred broodmare, w/foal at side & rebred, \$2500. L. Miller, Scott; (337) 234-3464.

Paints, sorrels & pals., several to choose from, studs & mares, \$800/1-up. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; after 6 p.m. (985) 229-5325.

5 Yr. bay mare, gentle but spirited, not for beginners, good for barrels or trail riding, \$800 obo; AMHR miniature horses, \$600/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; web site http://members.cox.net/melissaquackebush/my_mini_horses.htm (225) 658-9293

(2) Reg. AQHA sorrel gelds., ranch horses, w/excel. handle, gentle enough for anyone to ride, Gay Bar King, Rey Del Rancho, Hiredhand's Cardinal bloodlines, \$2500/1-up. Marvin Marmande, Jr., Theriot; (985) 868-2312.

AQHA proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1-3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, all horses microchipped, \$750/1-up. David Perkins, Braithwaite; (504) 682-2467.

2001 Bay filly by Smart Peppy's Playboy, out of dbl. bred Dry Doc mare, started under saddle, West Nile vaccs., \$1750. John Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

1999 Sorrel AQHA mare, super handle, excel. all-around horse, \$3500. Lisa Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

AQHA geld., 23 mos., foundation bred, bulldog type, stout, gentle, loads, ready to start, \$1000. John Thibodeaux, Denham Springs; (225) 791-9581.

Reg. TW blk. mare w/colt, \$2000; reg. spotted saddle, w/paint colt rebred to paint stud, \$1800. Paul Broussard, Broussard; (337) 837-1368.

Reg. App., halter champ., 14 yrs., can be ridden in W. Pleasure, solid sorrel, very muscular, \$3500. Don Foster, Alexandria; (318) 473-4051.

Reg. paint mare, 3 yrs., solid sorrel, Mr. Candy Man bloodline, bred to blk./wh. homozygous Hank-R-Chief bloodline, very gentle to handle, \$3000. D. Foster, Alexandria; (318) 473-4051.

1994 APHA tobiano stallion, good disp., easy going, all shots, 14.5 hands, sorrel/wh., (1) blue eye, \$2200. O'Neil Leblanc, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5989.

1995 AQHA buckskin mare, sire Hotshot Colonel by Colonel Freckles out of Doc O'Lena mare, started cutting, \$3000, or w/'03 pal. filly by Dual Reward, \$7500. Jaenne Firmin, Abita Springs; (985) 875-9234.

2003 AQHA pal. filly, sire Dual Reward, dam Lenas Bar Jewel by Hotshot Colonel, Colonel Freckles, Cutter Bill, out of Doc O'Lena mare, \$5000. J. Firmin, Abita Springs; (985) 875-9234.

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine, 70764; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

STALLION SERVICE

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@catel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

1997 AQHA blk. stallion, Ima Cool Skp & Boston Mac bred, Hypp N/N, \$300/\$5 mare care. J. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

3 Yr. reg. QH paint stallion, bay/wh. tobiano, Shonie T-Bar, Pompey Super Speck, Tinky Sugar Bar, Grease Bar bloodline, \$200/reg. mare; \$150/unreg. mare, \$5 mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217 or (337) 826-4519.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Blk. & wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. tobiano stallion Skip N King, reg. mares, \$350; grade mares, \$250; homozygous for tobiano babies & paint babies. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

AQHA pal., own grandson of Hollywood Gold, out of triple "A" running mare, 5 Roms, 300+ points, \$600. Danny or Dee Newman, Bogalusa; (985) 730-6622.

Reg. American saddle bred stallion, blk. & wh. tobiano pinto, Ch. Wing Commander, Ch. Broadlands, Captain Denmark bred, \$400/\$5 mare care. David Malone, Sr., Quitman; (318) 259-3836.

APHA homozygous blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

SHEEP & GOATS

NDGA reg. Nigerian dwarf goats, born 7/5/03, bucklings only, \$100. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Half fainting, half pygmy females, \$100/1. Sheila Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

Suffolk commercial ewe, 2 yrs., champ. bloodlines, \$350. Charley Wooten, Duson; (337) 981-7494 or (337) 873-4365.

Suffolk sheep, (2) ewes born 6/9/02, \$60/1. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

100% Boer billies, \$125 and up; 100% Boer nannies, \$140/1-up. Norris Deville, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7000.

Pygmy kids, \$50/1. F.J. Jacobs, Bush; (985) 892-0914.

Mixed breed billy, excel. breeder, brown & wh., \$60/1; (1) grown whether, fat, \$45/1. Ronald D. Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-

6097 or (225) 261-3832.

African pygmy male, 3 mos., \$50 or trade for female. Warren W. Hoag, Jr., Jennings; (337) 824-0937.

(1) reg. wh. dorper sheep ram, embryo transplant, 5 yrs., any offer considered, he must go; (10) 7/8 ewes wh. dorper, \$75 to \$250 each. Ernest Bieber, Branch; (337) 788-1713.

Katahdins, (4) rams pb 6-7 mos., \$50/1; (1) ram, 2 yrs., \$100/1. Joseph S. Millet, Laplace; (985) 652-9221.

Katahdin herd buck, 4 yrs., wh., \$150. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

Reg. pb Boer buck, born 12/18/02, good bloodline, \$200; 4-H show wethers, 50% & 75%, \$75/1. Neal White, Prairieville; (225) 673-8475.

Alpine milkers, \$150/1; Nubian milkers, \$125/1. Mary McMahan, Hammond; (225) 567-7048.

NDGA Nigerian dwarf miniature goats, young breeding billies, 4 mos.-1 yr., \$100 obo. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; Web site: www.members.cox.net/melissaquackenbush/my_mini_horses.htm or (225) 658-9293.

Wanted: female pygmy goats. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

(5) Reg. Australian Shepherd pups, all colors, no papers, born 6/11/03, \$100/1. James Boudreaux, Belle Rose; (225) 473-7635.

Rat terrier pups, 14 wks., good farm dogs, or pets, (2) males, blk./wh., \$80/1. Johnny Hebert, Gueydan; (337) 536-6612.

(3) Reg. pb blk. mouth Cur. (2) females, (1) male, \$100. Lemuel Ducote, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3833.

AKC Lab puppies, blk. & yellow, excel. hunting pedigree, hips & eyes certified, born 6/18, \$200-\$300. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Reg. McNabs, out of top working bloodlines in Calif., started on livestock, 7 mos., \$400. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

(3) CKC "shorty" Jack Russell pups, smooth coat, \$350; (3) CKC rat terrier pups, \$200/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; Web site: http://members.cox.net/melissaquackenbush/my_mini_horses.htm or (225) 658-9293.

SWINE

Mini potbellied pigs, \$50/1. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

Feeder/wean. pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed on concrete, \$35/1. J.B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

Russian, heavy influenced, wild hogs, have 3 mos. shoats, some w/stripes, can email pictures, \$50/1. William Powell, DeQuincy; wfpowell@xspedius.net or (337) 786-4122 or (337) 786-2297.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Blue & gold macaw, unsexed, \$1000. Deborah Hoht, Berwick; (985) 385-6999.

Peach-faced lovebirds, \$15/1, cheaper in quantity. Leon Boudreaux, Jeanerette; (337) 276-6164.

Hf umbrella cockatoo, very tame & talking, w/very large cage on rollers, \$1000. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Pr. yellow canaries, \$80. Nora Menier, Elton; (337) 584-2809.

(2) Patagonian hf babies, weaned, tame, \$250/1; (1) hf ring neck, green, \$75. Wilbert Vidrine, Elton; (337) 584-2809.

Pr. scarlet-breasted parakeets, \$300; spice finches, \$5/1; parakeets, \$8/1; red rumps, \$30/1; pr. ringnecks, \$200. Wade Hendricks, Convent; (225) 562-7719.

Walk-in aviary, \$100; cockatiels, \$25/1. Sandy Rider, Patterson; (985) 395-9743.

Hospital cages, \$40; all types nest boxes, \$3-\$10/1; show cages, not painted, \$25-\$50/1; (4) bird carrying cases, \$40. Warren Berner, Kenner; (504) 469-7410.

(1) Green & (1) lutino, 10 mos., ringneck, \$125/both; young baby lutino ringnecks. Adam Verrett, Morgan City; (985) 384-0486.

Diamond doves, blue wh. tails, silver wh. tails, cinnamon wh. tails, yellow wh. tails, yellow, red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Indian ringneck parakeets, green/blue, \$55/1; green/yellow head fallow, \$250/1; 1 yr. turquoise or creamino, \$150/1; Alexandrians, \$175/1; violet, dark green, \$1000/1; violets, \$2000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Parrolets, normal, blue, yellow & splits, \$75/1-up; green-wing macaw pr., \$2200/pr.; umbrella cockatoo baby, hand feeding, \$700/1. Jack Monks, Lake Charles; (337) 855-6600.

Baby button quail, male & female, \$8/1; \$14/pr.; baby zebra finches, \$7/1, \$12/pr. T. Holten-Slaughter, Baker; (225) 654-6898.

Cockatiels, hf, \$50/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-5923.

(2) Moluccan females, \$900/1; Timnah gray male, \$350; B & G macaw male, \$600, many others, please call. Dennis Watters, Elm Grove; (318) 747-2823.

Ringneck doves, \$5/1; \$15/pr., pied only; parakeets, assorted colors \$10/1; cockatiels, gray, \$15/1; pied, \$20/1; blonde, \$25/1, proven prs. Gervin Miller, Church Point; (337) 684-2833.

Lovebirds, violet & slate, \$20-\$25/1, mature & young birds. Melvin Rodrigue, Larose; (985) 693-4324.

Ringneck doves, normals & wh. \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs. \$25 & \$35/pr, will ship. Thomas J. Rowell, Crowley, Louisiana (337) 783-5729.

Gouldians, \$115/pr.; orange cheeks, \$20/1; spice, \$12/1; orange weavers, \$10/1; zebras, \$7/1; soci-

eties, \$5/1. Daniel Chauvin, Houma; (985) 876-7966.

African gray, 3 & 7 mos., hf, males & females, \$750/1; Indian ringneck parakeets, gray-green, male or female, \$75/1; blue, \$200/1; assorted canaries, \$50/1. Gene Lanclos, Lake Charles; (337) 478-2627.

Parrolets, American wh., \$600/1; yellow, \$300/1; blue, \$225/1; normal splits, \$125/1; blue-winged, \$125/1; Pacific breeder-age hens, \$125/1. Sally Lanclos, Lake Charles; (337) 478-2627.

Zebra finches, blk.-breasted, blk.-faced, orange-breasted & splits, \$10/1-up; lutino cockatiels, \$50/1; doves, wh., tangerine, oranges & pids, \$10/1; silkies, \$15/1. Larry Lanclos, Lake Charles; (337) 478-2627.

Canadian millet from Nemeth Farms, 5 lbs., \$14; 25 lbs., \$58. Sue Lanclos, Lake Charles; (337) 478-2627.

Doves, ringneck, wh., pied, tangerine, proven prs., \$20/1-up. J. Roy Bernard, Carencro; (337) 896-8619.

Mated pr. cockatiels, male pied & female pearl, w/cage & nesting box, \$150. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

Wanted: cabinet-type incubator, auto turn/external egg turner, reasonably priced, to caller near Alex., I lost your #, please call. Stafford Holland, Bunkie; (318) 346-7993.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Geese, ducks & chickens, over (40) birds for sale, \$1.5/1-up. Chris Nelson, Gonzales; (225) 622-6589.

Bobwhites, \$3/1; flight conditioned, flying mallard, \$7/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

2003 Hatched Old English game bantams, wheaton, blue, blk., silver, duck wing, BB red, \$10/pr. Hugh Juneau, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

Mallards & muscovy ducks, \$7.5/1-up, incubator, cabinet type, w/auto egg turner, \$300. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

(40) Miniature dark Cornish laying hens, \$7/1; (15) roasters, \$9/1. Normon Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

Super large quail hatching eggs, \$25/100; plus \$12 S & H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$23/doz.; pickled eggs, \$4/pt. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Mixed breed or cross bred chickens, 4-8 wks., \$1.25 - \$2.25/1. Frank Arnold, Breaux Bridge; (337) 662-6632.

Pharaoh, Manchurian & Texas A&M wh. quail chicks, 25¢/1; adults, \$1.5 - \$2/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

BBR bantams, \$3/1-up; mixed bantams, \$3/1-up; guineas, wh., \$3/1-up; eggs, fresh & fertile, \$6/doz. J. L. Duplechin; Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

(100) Guineas, \$5/1. Susie Bertrand, DeRidder; (337) 462-2899.

Ph. bantams, mallard ducks, guineas, O. E. Japs., others avail, \$2/1-up. Hulon Stevens, Loranger; (985) 878-6519.

Peacocks, \$20-\$500/1; golden pheasants & others, \$35-\$100/pr.; blk. cochin bantams, \$2-\$6/1; guineas, \$3-\$8/1. Doyle Davis, Norwood; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

Pb buff orpington chicks, \$1.25/1; pullets, \$3/1; pb wh. Peking ducks, babies, \$3/1; grown, \$8/1. G. Oestricheer, Lacombe; (985) 882-7589.

Chukor partridge, \$3-\$6/1, according to age. Robert Ollie, Metairie; (504) 834-9545.

Bantam blk. rose comb, golden & silver, seabright, big poultry, red jungle fowl, blk. sumatras, Egyptian fayoumis, buttercup, wh. crested blk. Polish, hens, \$6/1; roosters, \$5/1. Hubert Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1490.

Blk. giant chickens, 5 mos., \$5/1; Rouen ducks, \$6/1; Toulouse geese, \$10/1; Americana chickens, 5 mos., \$5/1. Gloria Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1490.

Dominique chicks, 1-8 wks., 75¢/1, will del. for small fee. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

Mixed breed & cross bred chickens, \$4-\$6/1; Peking, blk. Swedish, mostly male ducks, \$7/1. Kathy Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

Mallard ducks, babies-mature flyers, \$3.5-\$8/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

5 Kinds of pb bantams, roosters, \$5/1; hens, \$7/1; male mallards, \$5/1. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

Grown Peking drakes, \$6/1; grown mallard drakes, \$5/1; half-grown wh. guineas, \$5/1. J. Knight, Angie; (985) 848-1412.

(20) Guineas, 3-4 mos., \$4/1. Milton Allen, Denham Springs; (225) 665-7606.

Peacock chicks, \$15/1; silkies, \$3/1; trio wh. peacocks, \$175/trio 1 male, 2 female; Rhode Island laying hens, \$8/1. Cooper Allen, Walker; (225) 665-6068.

Araucana roosters, 1 yr., all colors, \$5/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

Peacocks, blue & green necks, 2 ½ yrs., \$30/1. Hebert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

(3) Ziggity drinkers, \$3000/1; (3) Big Dutchman feed lines, \$3000/1; (6) feed bins, \$600/1; housekeeper, \$4000; brooders, new, \$30/1; old, e\$15/1. Terry Cracker, Calhoun, 71225; (318) 396-2767 or (318) 644-5636.

Wood ducks, pinioned, \$15/1; Northern bobwhite quail, \$1.5/1. Doc Lanier, Youngsville; (337) 856-5456.

Young pharaoh laying quails, hen for quick sale, \$2/1, males, \$1/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales, (225) 644-5923.

Baby muscovy ducks, \$3/1. W. Vetsch, New Orleans; (504) 482-2662.

PIGEONS

(1) pr utility wh. kings, mated, \$20/pr.; utility wh. kings, \$7.5/1. Alex Prejean, Scott; (337) 896-6115.

Wanted: different varieties of garlic, Louisiana home-grown types. Roy Allison, Covington; (985) 892-1400.

DEER & EXOTICS

Fallow deer, fawns, \$100/1. Fred Jacobs, Bush; (985) 892-0914.

Trophy elk, \$1000/1-up; trophy fallow, \$500/1; water buffalo, bull yrlg., \$500. Herbert LeJeune; Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel cat, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; copernose bluegill, 20¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Bass, 60¢; bluegill & redear, 24¢; minnows, 3¢; catfish, 20¢/up; triploid grass carp, \$12. Paul Picard, Houma; (800) 820-2606.

Aluminum crawfish boat, w/8 hp, go-devil & 270 crawfish traps, \$1600; 16" low lift pump, w/353 Detroit power unit & steel skid, \$3500. Time Martinez, Labadieville; (985) 526-4427.

BEES/HONEY

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

Honey for sale, \$6/qt., or \$20/gal., 3:30-7:00 p.m. weekdays, all day Sat. & Sun. Danny Head, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8510.

Medium boxes, 9-frame plastic cell, \$6; deep boxes, 9-frame plastic cell, \$8; decapper & auger, (2) extractors, \$1500. Mark Dison, Spearsville; (318) 778-3831 or (870) 818-8024.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Lop bunnies, blk., brown, wh. w/brown, 2 mos., males & females, \$10/1; breeder buck, \$20. R. Myers, Franklinton; (985) 839-5123.

Ped./non ped., seed stock, NZW & mini rexs, \$10/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson; (985) 868-2693.

NZW, mixed males & females, \$7/1-up, no checks. Bruce Batiste, Sr., Slidell; (985) 639-9770.

Netherland dwarf, Jersey wooly, Havana, Holland lops & mini lops, breeders & bunnies, \$20/1-up. Carol Petitjean, Rayne; (337) 334-9550.

NZW, FR-1000, also Californian, fryers or breeding stock, \$6/1-up. Van Deshotels, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7130.

(3) Large ped. Flemish gts. bucks, 4 ½ mos., \$25/1; non ped. Flemish gts., Chinchilla gts., NZW, French lops, 5 wks., \$7/1. Charles Millet, Morganza; (225) 694-3962.

(25) San Juan rabbits, 6 mos., approx., \$10. J. Knight, Angie;

(985) 848-1412.

Netherland dwarf, Jersey wooly, Holland lop, \$10/1; Abyssinian, American, crested guinea pigs, \$10/1. Tracey Freeman, Bogalusa; (985) 732-5060.

Wanted: rabbits, preferably NZ, California's & mix breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 682-0726.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Gourds, lg. birdhouse, dipper & cushaw, crookneck, green stripe, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, La., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Cast iron plants at place, \$4/gal. Dan Montz, Thibodaux; (985) 446-1805.

New crop Dutch hybrid amaryllis seeds, red, pink, wh. & orange, \$2/20 seeds w/SASE. Arthur Becnel, 14123 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, 70037; (504) 656-2424.

Bush redbird of paradise \$8/1; yellow & pink datura \$6/1; pink/yellow seedless hibiscus \$8/1; dark pink altheas \$5/1, w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles 70601; (337) 478-7075.

350 lbs. large wh. shallots, cleaned & separated \$2.5/lb.; not separated \$2/lb. Joseph Costanza, Hammond; (985) 345-6743.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Pecan trees, Elliott & Sumner, 2 yrs., 10-gal., \$30/1; cypress & river birch 3-gal., \$6/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 8 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Celeste, green ishia & honeydew figs, \$8/1; loquarts, \$5/1-up; chinaberry, \$5-\$8/1; Mamou tree, \$8/1 yellow & wh. peach trees, \$5-\$10/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Celeste fig, Southern magnolia, Japanese plum, dwarf pomegranate, Japanese yew, \$10/3-gal.; red hybrid amaryllis, \$2-\$10/1; red turkey fig, \$5 & \$8, by size, dwarf monkey grass, \$1/3 qt. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Mayhaw trees, fruited varieties, Mexican plum, red mulberry, Chickasaw plum, crabapple, catalpa, native magnolia, burr oak, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

HAY & GRAIN

2003 Fertilized Jiggs Bermuda hay, rd. bales \$16/1; sq. bales \$3/1 in field; \$3.75 in barn. E.J. Littleton, Lecompte; (318) 776-5379.

Alicia Bermuda, horse quality, \$3.25-\$3.5; Bahia \$2.5; wheat straw \$2.5; 5 x 5 rd. bales Bahia, \$20-\$25; Alicia \$35, we load rd., you load sq. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3523 or (337) 363-4334.

2003 Bahia 4 x 5 rd. bales \$17/1 or \$15/1 for 100 or more, del. avail. \$4/bale. Robby Rodrigue, Plaquemine; (225) 685-1137.

2003 Wheat hay w/heads, first cutting, excel. horse hay, fertilized, \$4/bale. Mark Dison, Spearsville; (870) 818-8024 or (318) 778-3831.

High quality 2003 Bermuda hay, fertilized, no weeds, \$3/ bale. Junior Mitchell, Marthaville; (318) 472-6031.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20/Bahia; \$30/Jiggs, del. \$5 per bale. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale in barn; \$4-\$4.5/ bale del., but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Bahia 4 x 5 rd. bale in barn, fertilized & limed to soil test, cured without rain, \$25/1. Daniel Schleismann, Husser; (985) 748-7663.

Fertilized Jiggs & Russel Bermuda, 4x5, \$20/1. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 224-7983.

2003 Rd. bales of Alicia/Bahia/Triflon 44 hay, \$37.5/1, hauling avail. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bell-south.net, (318) 576-3389 or (318) 576-9913.

Bermuda Jiggs 4 x 5 rd. bales, \$18/1 in field, some del. available; booking orders for sq. bales, \$3/1, in field. Ron Williams, Jennings; (337) 824-5586.

Argentine Bahia, horse quality, sq. bales \$3 in field; \$3.5 in barn; 4x4 rd. bales in field, \$18; in barn, \$20. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

Bermuda grass, sq. bales, excel. horse hay, fert., high quality, no weeds or rain, \$2.5/1, from field; \$2.75/1, from barn. Ricky Rea, Bernice; (318) 285-7566.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Red River Parish, 110 acres, 3/3 home, 2269 sq./ft. barns, improved pastures, ponds, spring-fed creeks, light timber, fenced, can be divided, \$220,000. David Williams, Ringgold; (318) 932-4482.

10.3 Acres, brick house, 4 BR, 2.5 bath, screened back porch, patio, 2 garage apartment, in Loranger school district, \$165,000; option to buy 10.3 extra acres, \$50,000. Joyce Yager, Independence; (985) 878-6980.

Terrebonne Parish, 700-acre ranch, large brick home, 4 BR, 3 bath, 2 barns, hundreds of acres for development, can run cattle &

make hay, \$1,900,000. Robert Neil, Houma, 70361; (985) 594-5851.

10 acres, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5500/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; (337) 665-4413.

Jackson Parish, 19.86 acres, has city water & utility hookups, ideal for new poultry houses, \$40,000. Terry Cracker, Calhoun; (318) 396-2767 or (318) 644-5636.

10 Acres & house in Carlyss, cleared w/barn & several out buildings, \$190,000. Clyde Doyle, Sulphur; (337) 558-5818.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Big turning plow, 3pt. hitch, \$100. A. P. Rachel, Ethel, 70730; (225) 683-4361.

(2) IH 1460 combines w/mud-hog & Chev. box truck, '82 model, \$6000; JD 4020 diesel trac., \$4000. Murray Guillory, Church Point; (337) 945-0028 or (337) 457-2421.

8" ITT Marlow PTO pump, \$1400; (65) 30' joints of 6" gated PVC irrigation pipe, 50¢/ft; 5' bush hog, \$300. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 325-1685.

856 Int. 100 hp, w/front-end loader, trac. excel. cond., loader almost new, \$10,000. Anthony Bourgeois, Church Point; (337) 230-0088.

706 Int. 95 hp, w/bush hog, blade, tires, \$4500; Massey 50, \$3000; Case 28 hp, \$2000; 18' Case disc, \$1500; 16' Case cultipacker, \$1500; JD 15' bush hog, \$1800. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

14' JD breaking disc, has (4) transport wheels, 2 cyl., \$600; 24' IH disc, \$350. Johnnie Blalock, Waterproof; (318) 757-3758.

JD 450 dozer, canopy, angle blade & winch, very good cond., \$14,200; Hamilton ¾ yr. dragliner w/extra buckets, \$4500, sell or trade. Sam Ducote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6371.

Red Farmall cub, w/sickle mower, good tires, looks & runs good, \$2300. Marland Scheffler, Minden; (318) 377-5918.

MF 243 exhaust, porcelain coated for durability, \$150. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson; (985) 209-0026 or (985) 868-2693.

Bush hog finish mower, 5' wide cult, kept in barn, (3) blades w/(2) small wheels in back, w/(2) chains that level when yard is not level, \$550. Louis Van Hoof, Lecompte; (318) 776-5405.

Case IH 1822, 2-row cotton picker w/bar tedder, excel. cond., \$8500; boll buggy, \$4500. H. C. Boone, Lecompte; (318) 776-9458.

9-Point chisel plow, \$350; 4-row rolling cult., \$300; 4-row bean planters, \$250; 4-row bean cult., \$250; 500-gal. fuel tank, \$275. Gary Jeansonne, Hessmer; (318) 563-8769.

Farmall 140, runs good, \$1200. J. C. Dupre, Opelousas; (337) 942-1737.

Yale forklift, 5000#, butane & sideshift, \$5000; JD 4-row subsoiler, \$400; ditcher, \$250. Mark Dison, Spearsville; (318) 778-3831 or (870) 818-8024.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W & A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, excel. cond., \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8" trailer mounted, PTO driven, excel. cond., \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Allis Chalmers model B trac., very good cond., 90% rubber, front tool bar, w/3 pt. on rear, \$1500. Fred Mayeaux, Hessmer; (318) 563-8433.

Vermeer 605 H baler, good cond., \$5000; 16' cultipacker, good cond., \$4000. John Seal, Franklinton; (985) 839-3941.

Ford 1100 comp. trac., diesel, clutch stuck, runs good, needs seat, \$1600 obo. John Jester, Abbeville; (337) 892-0990.

Ford 841, 40 hp, diesel, recently completely overhauled, mechanically in very good cond., \$3500. Joneil Douget, Oakdale; (318) 335-1680.

784 IH diesel, p/s, \$5000; 484 IH diesel, p/s, \$4800; JD 375 rd. baler, w/feeder, \$2500; NH 256 rake, \$650; NH 845 rd. baler, \$1600; NH 849 rd. baler, \$2200; 8' disc mower, \$675. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

Krone rd. baler, 4 yrs., less than 3000 rolls, like new, auto tie, monitor, excel. cond., \$7500; JD 8' pull-type disc, w/cyl., \$900. M. Faust, Loranger; (504) 628-5361.

2 ½ cub tracs., w/3-belly mowers, row builders, lifting bar & more, \$2500. David Morgan, Braithwaite; (504) 682-4437.

19' Chisel plow, good cond., \$5500. Zan Dupre, Eunice; (337) 457-2716.

Trac. tires, 23.1-30, R-2-0, 8-ply, \$75/1 or \$100/2. Lynn Myers, Jennings; (337) 824-2967.

MF 240 trac., w/MF 232 loader, \$10,500; Kubota L 3000F, like new, 75 hrs., \$8500. A. P. Douzart, Alexandria; (318) 449-1348.

8N Ford, good cond., \$2000; sod cutter, 3 pt. hitch, \$150. Ronnie Burr, Vidalia; (318) 336-5858.

IH 1066 trac., 125 hp, good motor, good rubber, trac. located in Welsh, \$2900 neg. Buddy Arendt, Lake Charles; (337) 433-3279.

4-Row cult., \$250; 140 trac., w/plastic layer tank rack & gauges, \$3500; 4-row liquid fert. spoke app., \$400; nurse tank, 1200-gal., \$450; 3020 JD trac., w/wide front end & 10 ½" Rhino bush hog, \$1200; 4-row sweeper, \$250; JD cult., \$250. Pete Armone, Amite; (985) 878-4419.

1963 JD 1010 gas, wide front, looks & runs well, good tires, \$3000. Cisco Houston, Mansfield; (318) 872-4573.

Vicon 5' disc mower, used very little, \$2400. Eugene Baudouin, Hahnville; (985) 783-2229.

Ford 4610 diesel 63 hp, 2500 hrs., excel. cond., 1-owner, 8 spd., p/s, canopy, Ford 5' bush hog, \$10,000. Pierce Burton, Minden; (318) 377-5263.

Prime 6-row hipper, excel. cond., \$2500; Amoco 6-row hipper, fair cond., \$500; grain cart, 200 bbl., hyd., good cond., \$500. Bennie Buriege, Maringouin; after 6 p.m. (225) 625-2206.

JD 650 trac., 18 hp, w/4' bush hog, 2 yrs., & 4' box blade, \$5500 obo. Rogers DeHart, Gibson; (985)

575-3410.

1973 JD 4030, 80 hp diesel, runs great, good tires, 3 pt. hitch, dual remote hyd., Syncro-Range, 8 spd. trans & 4-post canopy, \$8000 obo. Landon Richards, Greenwell Springs; (225) 658-0357 or (225) 939-6203.

Front dozer blade for Farmall cub trac., \$100. Joseph Costanza, Hammond; (985) 345-6743.

ARPS backhoe, 3 pt. hookup, 10' reach, good cond., \$4600. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

JD 2040, w/remote, new tires, runs good, needs paint, 5' Woods bush hog, 7' Lilliston pull behind cutter, \$6500/all. B. Orgeron, Lockport; (985) 696-5436.

Brush cage, hyd. blade, belly pan, grill guard bumper, fits 5610 Ford trac., \$1100. Wade Goings, Robeline; (318) 472-3888.

4400 BU long-grain bin, dismantled, \$1500; 52' Hutchinson Bazooka auger, \$250; (4) bin jacks, \$100; IH 1420 combine; 15' HD, \$4000; IH 744 cornhead, \$250; 39' Fruehauf alum. hopper bottom, roll tarp, \$4000. Tony Richardson, New Iberia; (337) 365-8450.

9' Disc hay mower, '97 model, not used until '98, like new, used very little, many extra parts, \$2500. John Collins, Ruston; (318) 255-3761.

1997 Mahindra trac. 50 hp, canopy, hyd., 385 hrs., excel. cond., kept in shed, \$8300. Christy Dicap, Leonville; (337) 879-2551.

Int. 1086 cab & air, real good cond., \$8500. Eric Dupont, Parks; (337) 845-5207.

T 500 Galion motor grader, good cond., \$8500; 9600 Ford trac., fair cond., \$3000. Donald Brown, LaCamp; (337) 238-4924.

6600 Ford trac., good rubber, excel. cond., \$13,000; Ingersol Rand 160 CFM compressor, portable gas w/sandblast pot, hoses & nozzles, \$3500; great Ford hay rake, \$15. H. L. Paulk, Deville; (318) 443-8925.

(3) Quick hitches, \$200; saddle tanks & racks for magnum, \$500; complete 3 boom sprayer monitor, valves, switches & pump, \$350. Chris Saucier, (337) 884-6490.

Sickle bar, fits cub, \$150/1; grader unit, fits cub, \$150/1; (1) set of hillers/choppers, \$150/1; AV Farmall trac., 6 volt, good rubber, runs, \$2000; middle buster, \$150/1. Joe Millet, Laplace; (985) 652-9221.

NH 851 rd. baler, \$2500; Ford 532 sq. baler, \$1500; NH hay rake, \$1000; Kuhn 8' hay cutter, \$2500. Tim Martinez, Labadieville; (985) 526-4427.

Farmall Super "A", 5' Wallace bush hog, tool bar, disc choppers, sweeps, middle buster, other various cult. attachments, \$1500; Farmall cub, yellow/wh., belly mower, \$2000. Burel Smith, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3058.

Case 1170 trac., w/rebuilt engine & 3 pt. hitch, good cond., reduced to, \$5500. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

Bobcat loader attachments, bucket, hay fork, pallet forks, hyd. sweeper/vacc., must sell, \$1800/all, will separate. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

JD 2020, excel. cond., new 521

front-end loader, w/bucket & hay spear, 7' gill blade, 6' box blade, hay fork, \$12,500 obo. Jaenne Firmin, Abita Springs; (985) 875-9234 or (985) 875-9847.

Catarpiller D5 dozer, p/s, good cond., \$25,000. Dylan DeLee, Jackson; (225) 634-7335.

Farmall Super "A", new tires, 12 volt, 5' Woods belly mower, good cond., \$2950. Bill Wood, Boyce; (318) 793-8491.

Krone rd. baler, 4 yrs., less than 3000 rolls, like new, auto tie, monitor, excel. cond., \$7500; JD 8' pull type disc, w/cyl. \$900. M. Faust, Loranger; (504) 628-5361.

JD hay rake, pull type, ground driven, needs two U-joints & some teeth, \$300. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

1982 Long 610 trac., 65 hp, good cond., diesel, 3 pt. hitch, w/hyd. hookups, garage kept., 8 spd., \$6000. Teddy Rasberry, Grant; (318) 634-5548 or (318) 729-1940.

NH rd. baler, used very little, \$11,000. Lavern King, Sun; (985) 886-3284.

7720 JD combine, good shape, everything works, \$8000 neg. Reggie Hargrave, Kaplan; (337) 643-7009.

530 JD rd. baler, w/monitor, good cond., \$7000; 4020 JD console hyd., w/2 remotes, recent overhauled rear-end, frt. axle bushings, clutch & new paint, \$1200; 590 Allied L dr. avail., 260 Long, external hyd., p/s, live PTO, good cond., \$4950. Duane Smith, DeRidder; (337) 462-3769 or (337) 462-2374.

JD 3350 cab/air synchronize shift, mechanical FWD, low hrs., w/770 Great Bend self leveling loader, \$28,000. Rudy Douglas, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 921-0452.

Speed King conveyor, ideal to unload railroad hopper cars into silos or trucks, all stainless steel, runs on 220 or 440V, 3 phase, best offer. Marion Deville, New Orleans; (504) 554-1700.

Cummins/Onan 634T, 6 cyl. turbo engine, in portable 20-ton air cond. trailer, has 10 kw alt., blower-vacc., pump, etc., complete unit, 4 at \$1500/1. G. Perrin, Stonewall; (318) 925-9774.

New pr. Clamp One rimes, for 18.4 or 20.8 tires, \$250; 3 pt. hitch, 50-gal. spray rig, w/hand nozzle & 4-row bar, \$125. James Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-7363.

JD 6300 80 hp, cab, air, loader, 2000 hrs., \$29,870. William Lucky, Bossier City, (318) 453-5685.

4' finishing mower, 3 pt. hitch, great shape, \$600; 18 hp Yanmar diesel trac., PTO, 3 pt. hitch, great shape, \$3800. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

3' x 7' Drag harrow, built on 3 pt. hitch, 2-rows of teeth on bottom, 2 3/8" pipe frame, \$250; 3 pt. hitch rd. baler spear, \$75. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

7' Land Pride grooming mower, w/rear discharge, like new cond., \$1700. Roy Adams, Morse; (337) 783-7313.

1070 JD trac./loader blade, 18' trailer, elec. brakes, \$15,000. Tony Templet, Baton Rouge; (337) 1997.

Wanted: salvage MF tracs. Cecil

Clark, Sr., Crowley; (337) 783-7903.

Wanted: ditch digger, straight back or behind tire to fit 50-70 hp trac. Tom Richard, Scott; (337) 235-0764.

Wanted: Cushman Eagle motor scooter that can be restored. David Devine, Boyce; (318) 442-3761.

Wanted: 8' disc hay cutter. Jay Boucher, Prairieville; (225) 622-1095.

Wanted: Cole planters, for parts or complete, also want parts, any cond. William Powell, DeQuincy; (337) 786-4122 or (337) 786-2297.

Wanted: small Allis Chalmers model G trac., w/engine in rear, running or not, for parts. F. K. Crump, Haynesville; (318) 624-0349.

Wanted: bush hog, good cond., 5' bush hog, w/3 pt. hookup, within 50 miles, of Zachary. Robert Williams, Zachary; (225) 654-0271.

Wanted: 7' or 8' bush hog, 3 pt. or pull type, mechanical lift & shaft drive preferred. Nico Eymard, Galliano; (985) 637-5766.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1986 Ford pickup, extended cab, body & inside in good cond., needs little work, \$1500. A. P. Rachel, Ethel; (225) 683-4361.

Overdrive trans., for older model Ford, good cond., \$275. M. Scheffler, Minden; (318) 377-5918.

1990 Ford L9000, 300 Cummings, 7 spd., single axle 5th wheel & gooseneck attachment, elec. brake control, good cond., \$6500. Alvin Rachal, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6641.

1999 Ford Ranger XLT, super cab, 4-door, sport package, AM/FM stereo/CD/tape, a/c, p/s, cruise control, non-smoker, \$15,575. James Sisson, Grayson; (318) 649-7684.

110-Gal. truck bed, fuel tank, w/new elec. pump, \$350; 1997 Ford F-350 pickup bed w/headache rack & tool box, \$500. Bob Schoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

1993 Freightliner, new tires, brakes & drums, 350 caterpillar, 9 spd. Rockwell 410 Rockwell rear end, \$8500; 1993 refrigerated trailer 46' x 96', 3-door side, roll-up door on rear, excel. cond., \$5000. Mark Dison; Spearsville; (318) 778-3831 or (870) 818-8024.

1972 Ford 1-ton dually farm truck, engine, 4 spd. trans. & rear end in good shape, 7' x 12' steel bed, 8' x 8' deck on top of cab, w/steps into truck bed, \$1500. Roland Landry, Youngsville; (337) 856-6069.

1991 Dodge 250 diesel, towing package, good cond., single cab, \$4450. Dale Clark, Rayne; (337) 873-8188.

1991 Ford F-700 diesel truck, w/gin poles, winch & rolling tail board, 112,000 miles, \$8900; 50-gal. saddle tank, \$35; 411 ring & pinion gear to fit late model Z71, \$200. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

1987 Ford F-150 ext. cab,

120,000 miles, all extras, very good cond., short bed, high back camper top, 302 V8, auto, all power, all works, \$3500. Larry Catledge, Folsom; (985) 796-3617.

Late model 3/4-ton truck rear end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/brake drums & cables, \$700; (2) new 16" tires, mounted on 8-hole rims, \$180. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite, (985) 748-5556.

Tool bed for 3/4-ton truck, \$350. Rob Richardson, Choudrant; (318) 768-2966.

1987 Chevy 1-ton flatbed, 77,000 miles, \$1350. Stanley Broussard, Bell City; (337) 598-4909.

1992 Ford F-350 XLT crew cab dually, 160,000 miles, diesel, great cond., \$8000. Bryan McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2998.

1992 Ford F-150 4x4, towing package, gooseneck hookup, dual gas tanks, 99,000 miles, \$3750. D. C. Smith, Simsboro; (318) 263-8972.

1994 1-ton Dodge dually, 5.9 L Cummings, XLT single cab, 5 spd., p/w, p/d, gooseneck hookup, towing package, 146,000 miles, white, \$8000. Barbara Pecot, Greensburg; (225) 222-6971.

1997 Ford F-350 power stroke dually, extended cab, auto, 67,500 miles, showroom cond., new tires, many extra, \$18,500. Nan Odom, Baton Rouge; (225) 405-2057.

6.9 Int. diesel engine, new, \$3000 obo. T. Templet, Baton Rouge; page (225) 377-1997.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

1997 Sundowner Siesta gooseneck, w/8' living quarters, like new, 3-horse slant, must see to appreciate, \$26,000. Nan Odom, Baton Rouge; (225) 405-2057.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hauling hay or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail. \$500-1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

8 X 16 Farm trailer, built on truck wheels, heavy-duty, very good cond., good tires, \$1200. James Sisson, Grayson; (318) 649-7684.

2002 Ponderosa 16' gray bumper pull 4-horse trailer, barely used, excel. cond., \$2700, firm. Pat Benoit, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-3125.

Bonanza 3-horse slant, w/rear tack & horse dressing room/sleeper, 1999 model, \$4500. Danny Clark, Cottonport; (318) 876-2980 or (318) 876-2889.

Racing surrey, 2-wheel, in good shape, ready to pull, \$150. Jerry Salley, Many; (318) 256-6975.

1999 S & H big 2-horse bumper pull, excel. cond., \$2400. Lisa Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

(2) Horse-drawn passenger wagons, carry 20-25, wooden wheels, top, bench each side, sound system, ideal for group, parades, xmas caroling etc., \$2500-\$3500; gooseneck horse/wagon trailer, up to 3-horses front, w/wagon on back, elec. winch, back/side entry, cabinets & bed in nose, 24' x 6' 8", \$5000. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

1991 Gooseneck 3-horse slant trailer, w/tack room, excel. cond., \$2500. J. Hebert, Franklin; (337) 828-1967.

1981 Timppte Hopper, 76-96-40, new doors & tarp, \$10,000 nego. S. Broussard, Gueydan; (337) 536-5720 or (337) 523-6739.

Wanted: 24' trailer to haul wagon & team, good cond. Pat Benoit, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-3125.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

5 Hp snapper garden tiller, used very little, sold for \$899, sell at, \$399. Russell Dauzat, Laplace; (504) 464-1133 or (504) 460-2104.

Kawasaki 360, 2003, excel. cond., \$3800. Zan Dupre, Eunice; (337) 457-2716.

5000 Watt portable diesel generator, elec. start, \$1500; 6000 watt gas portable generator, \$600, both brand new, never cranked. Wayne Hunter, Logansport; (318) 697-5971.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' round pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90-\$120/1. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Enterprise 4 qt. fruit & sausage press, complete w/all attachs., \$175. Larry Brown, Leesville; Buffet@Kricknet.net or (337) 238-0589.

Cincinnati milling machine, Cinova 80, 220v 3 ph, stored inside many yrs., \$2500. Hub Allums, Loreauville; (337) 229-4246.

Bohn Freezer unit for walk in cooler, too large for home use, (4) fan evaporator, \$600, will trade for 4' bush hog. Lawrence Williams, Boutte; (985) 785-8625.

Several sheets of used tin, \$2/1. James Sisson, Grayson; (318) 649-7684.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen; \$775, all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Sausage stuffer, cast iron, \$225. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375.

Wooden self-feeders, on skids, never used, 1-2 ton capacity, \$385-\$675. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

DeLaval vacuum pump & motor, about 4 yrs., \$1200; (20) good Z-bars for DeLaval & Universal milking parlor, \$3/1. Austin Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-7363.

Tri-Pac packing line, dumping tank, shower head, grading table, scales & waxer, used on sweet potatoes, \$6500. Mark Dison, Spearsville; (318) 778-3831 or (870)-818-8024.

Kenmore high capacity water softener, good working cond., w/manuals, \$200. Jorden Werger, Sunset; (337) 662-3672.

3-Phase elec. motors, 10-200 hp, \$5/hp; 200 amp. Lincoln welder, w/leads, \$2500; portable engine hoist, w/2 spd. ram & extendable boom on wheels, \$200; 5 hp, Honda water pump, w/2" suction & discharge hoses, \$400. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

Taylor brand, 100 kw generator, \$9000; camper that can be used for hunting camp, \$800. Terry Cracker, Calhoun, 71225; (318) 396-2767 or (318) 644-5636.

Heartwood comm. portable band saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., \$29,500, portable diesel mill. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 80¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, 90¢; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

10" PVC pipe, 20' lengths, \$10/per length; 500-gal diesel tank, w/hand pump, \$100; sand-blasting pot, w/hose, \$250. Tim Martinez, Labadieville; (985) 526-4427.

Galvanized square tubing, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4", 91¢/ft.; 2 1/2" x 2 1/2", \$1/ft.; 2" x 3", 95¢/ft.; 7/8" x 7/8", 30¢/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 514-0722.

Metal barrels, w/locking lids, \$10/l. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

New & never used equip., English chaps, burgundy-brown leather, \$50; deluxe cribbing/grazing muzzle, \$40; deluxe safety halter, \$20, also some assorted used equipment. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, (225) 683-4919.

"Big Horn" blk. parade saddle, 15" seat, lots of silver & tapaderos, matching silver, breast collar, very good cond., \$450; youth saddle w/bridle, good cond., \$140. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5556.

500-Gal. fuel tank, 6' tall, \$300 obo. Cody Adickes, Jennings; (337) 658-7466.

Used pipe for construction, 2

3/8", \$22/jt.; 2 7/8", \$26/jt.; 1 1/4", \$18/jt.; 1 1/2", \$20/jt.; 7 5/8", \$5.6/ft.; 9 5/8", \$6.95/ft. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Industrial shop air compressor, Quincy brand, 220v motor, excel. cond., \$800. Bernard Mayeux, Bunkie; (318) 876-3630.

(2000) Good crossties, 9' & a larger number of ties in rougher cond., FOB, can be loaded approx. \$5/tie, more for smaller orders. Bob Lee, Monroe; (318) 387-3872 or leave message (337) 322-2007.

Australian saddle, "The Governor", mint cond., comes w/blanket, breast collar & cropple, worth, \$475, selling, \$250. Sierra Bergeron, Hammond; (225) 567-3434.

Wanted: old heart cypress lumber & beams, also heart pine barn lumber. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 487-6958.

Wanted: Homelite XL 903 chainsaw, running or for parts. Eddy Martin, Denham Springs; (225) 664-4540.

Wanted: heavy-duty clippers or shears for use on large animals, Liz Brooking, Ferriday; panola2003@yahoo.com or (318) 757-3904.

FROM THE FARM

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Goat milk soap, handmade, skin soothing, many varieties, all natural ingredients, \$4/5-6 oz. bar. Kathleen Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

Elec. pea sheller, used one time, \$100. Oleta Houston, Mansfield; (318) 872-4573.

(20) Chairs, antique wooden slat schoolhouse folding type, \$10/l obo. Betty Robin; Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

The Livingston Horse Show Association will host horse shows Aug. 9 and Aug. 23, at the Southpark Arena in Denham Springs. Shows begin promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, contact DeLois Senez at (225) 664-3150 or JoLynn Allen at (225) 685-0335.

Cajun Radio Show Live every Saturday night, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Eunice. Some of the guests will be The Jammin' Cajuns, Johnny Sonnier & Cajun Heritage, David Fontenot & Cajun Express, Kenneth Thibodeaux & Cajun Dance. For more information, visit

Eunice site and Liberty schedule at www.eunice-la.com or call (337) 457-7389.

Other Fairs and Festivals: Gueydan Duck Festival, Gueydan, Aug. 21-24; La. Shrimp & Petroleum Festival, Morgan City, Aug. 28-Sept. 1; Rayne Frog Festival, Rayne, Aug. 29-31; La. Shrimp Festival, Meraux, Sept. 12-14; Southern Pickin' & Ginnin Festival, Rayville, Sept. 20; Festivals Acadiens, Lafayette, Sept. 19-21; Evangeline Oil & Gas Festival, Evangeline, Sept. 20-21; Cajun Heritage Festival, Cut Off, Sept. 20-21; Family Festival, Paradis, Sept. 21.

Second Quarter 2003 Rain Data

Location	Year to Date	Norm
Northwest		
Coushatta	23.97	M
LSU- Bossier City	23.33	27.83
Minden	20.26	30.18
Extreme/Average	22.52	25.83
NorthCentral		
LSU-Calhoun	31.25	30.85
LTI-Ruston	26.63	30.21
ULM-Monroe	30.38	32.70
Winnfield	22.73	32.47
Extreme/Average	27.75	28.98
Northeast		
Lake Providence	24.55	33.81
LSU-St. Joseph	31.94	32.13
LSU-Winnsboro	M	32.16
Tallulah	30.00	33.31
Extreme/Average	28.83	30.26
West-Central		
Leesville	19.90	30.21
LSU-Rosepine	19.33	30.07
Natchitoches	25.46	30.16
Extreme/Average	21.56	27.76
Central		
Alexandria	26.15	31.74
Brusly	25.09	32.31

Location	Year to Date	Norm
Bunkie	29.09	33.79
LSU-Alexandria	20.26	30.24
Extreme/Average	25.15	30.03
East-Central		
Bogalusa	28.25	34.80
LSU-Clinton	35.22	33.55
LSU-Hammond	28.01	32.81
Slidell	24.89	32.01
Extreme/Average	29.09	31.53
Southwest		
DeQuincy	26.57	29.57
Jennings	22.66	29.45
LSU-Crowley	28.36	30.14
Extreme/Average	25.86	27.58
South-Central		
Donaldsonville	29.22	30.62
LSU-Jeanerette	27.05	30.55
Morgan City	15.79	30.09
Extreme/Average	24.02	28.35
Southeast		
Galliano	28.42	31.75
Houma	28.35	30.52
NO Audubon Park	25.28	31.58
Reserve	25.58	34.23
Extreme/Average	27.45	29.31
State Averages	26.05	28.95

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size of his hog operation near Sumner, Iowa, and now counts on 3,200 acres of corn and soybeans to make a living.

"Everybody is staying cautious," said Tom Olson, chairman of the Lisco State Bank, in Lisco, Neb., where roughly 10% of local farmers and ranchers quit the business last year amid the drought, the impact of which is lingering. River levels remain so low across much of the Great Plains that many farmers who depend upon the waterways to irrigate their fields won't receive their normal amount of water this year.

Still, some economists believe the improving condition of farming is one factor behind the recent momentum of midAmerica's economy, much of which is turning up more quickly than the rest of the nation. If crop conditions don't deteriorate by the fall harvest season, farmers are widely expected to resume spending again.

While farmers by themselves are a tiny part of the economy, they have a broad impact on it. The industries that sell to farmers and use farm products account for 12.3% of the coun-

try's gross domestic product and 16.7% of jobs, according to the Agriculture Department. Behlen Mfg. Co., Columbus, Neb., has seen sales of its livestock equipment, such as fences and gates, climb 5% so far this year. Company executives are waiting a bit longer to decide whether to hire more people. "We're pretty optimistic," said Richard F. Casey, Behlen's chief financial officer. "But we're holding the line to see if this is a trend."

Reynolds Farm Equipment Inc. a Deere & Co. dealership in Fishers, Ind., expects to sell about 42 tractors this year, up about 20% from last year. But sales of combines, which carry a higher sticker price, haven't recovered yet.

Midwest farmland prices are climbing, indicating that some farmers are expanding their operations. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the price of farmland in its district, which stretches from Iowa to Michigan, climbed 6% during the 12-month period ended April 1. Wall Street is beginning to notice. The price of Tyson Foods Inc. stock has climbed more than \$3, or 45%, from the 10-year low it hit in March. The shares traded

at \$10.71, up 14 cents. A surprising rally in the price of chickens is lifting the earnings prospects for the poultry giant, which has been battered for years by a chicken glut.

A big factor behind the rising price of several commodities is tight supplies, thanks to the drought and industry consolidation during the farm recession. Last year's U.S. wheat crop was the smallest since 1972. Economists expect meat production -- beef, pork, chickens and turkeys -- to drop this year for the first time since 1982.

With production so thin, prices are finally rising enough to encourage farmers to plant more. The Agriculture Department expects U.S. wheat production this year to soar 35%. U.S. corn farmers planted enough land this spring to produce a record 10.1 billion-bushel crop, assuming good weather.

"Attitudes are changing around here," said Ron Scott, president of First State Bank in Malta, Montana which last year had to restructure the debt of about 5% of its ranchers and wheat farmers.

"So far this year, things have been great."

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Back-to-School Snacks

Snack Time Granola Bar

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| 2 sticks butter or margarine | 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped |
| 1/3 cup corn syrup | 1/2 bag (16 oz. size) marshmallows |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 4 cups Rice Krispies cereal |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1/2 cup chocolate chips |
| 4 cups oatmeal | 1/2 cup peanut butter |
| 1 cup coconut, flaked | |

In a large saucepan, over low heat, melt and stir butter, syrup, sugar and vanilla. Stir in oats, coconut and nuts. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly for 3 minutes. Stir in marshmallows and when melted stir in the Rice Krispies. Using buttered spatula, press mixture evenly into a 9x13x2 inch pan, melt chips and peanut butter together and spread over oatmeal mixture. Cool. Cut into squares.

"At home" Deli Special

- 2 slices of toasted bread
- 1 slice ham
- 1 slice bologna
- 1 slice American cheese
- Mayonnaise (optional)
- 1 dill pickle (optional)

Arrange on microwave safe plate, ham, cheese, and bologna. Microwave for about 40 seconds (time may vary) or until cheese is melted. Spread toast with mayonnaise and put on melted cheese and meat. Garnish with pickle and enjoy.

School Lunch Delight

- 1 stick plus 2 1/2 teaspoons butter
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 2 cups grated American cheese
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients and blend at least 5 minutes with mixer or by hand. Form in long rolls and wrap in wax paper. May also be rolled in chopped peanuts before wrapping. Refrigerate and slice to serve. May also be frozen and used when needed. Makes a delicious snack anytime.

Fruit Muffins

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 cups wheat flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped fruit (peaches, apples, prunes)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (optional)

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Use muffin cups or grease bottoms of muffin pans. Beat egg. Stir in oil, milk & fruit. Stir in remaining ingredients all at once, just until moistened. Batter will be lumpy. Fill muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes.

Louisiana Peach Pops

- 4 ripe peaches
- 1 cup orange juice

Peel and pit peaches. Cut into small chunks. Combine orange juice and peaches in blender. Blend ingredients until pureed. Pour into popsicle molds, or use 2-ounce paper cups with plastic spoons in centers. Freeze until firm. Makes 6 servings. Meets a fruit/vegetable requirement at breakfast or snack.

Pizza Muffins

- 1 package English muffins
- 1 jar pizza sauce
- Shredded Mozzarella cheese
- Pepperoni, for topping
- Green peppers, for topping
- Mushrooms, for topping

Spread sauce on half of a muffin, sprinkle with cheese. Add desired topping. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until cheese melts.

Lunch Box Cake

- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup soft butter
- 1 pound can fruit cocktail, undrained
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9x13x2 inch pan. Combine all ingredients except chocolate pieces and nuts in large mixer bowl. Blend well at lowest speed. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Pour batter into pan. Sprinkle with chocolate pieces and nuts. Bake 35 to 40 minutes.

Coming Your Way

Bird fair & open house in Houma

The Louisiana Gulf South Bird Club and the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority will host a bird fair and open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16.

The event will be held at 7491 Park Avenue in Houma. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Mike Rhodes at (985) 446-0886.

Club hosts show

An open horse show sponsored by the Silver Spurs Riders Club will begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 23 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

Participants can compete in more than 40 judged classes and nine speed events. New members and beginners are welcome. Admission is free for spectators.

For more information, contact Marie Hannie at (337) 477-6997.

Rice Arena holds horse events

Several horse events will be held at the Acadia Rice Arena in late August.

On Aug. 23, the Acadiana Amateur Timed Events Association will open books at 4 p.m. with timed events beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at (337) 369-6112.

On Aug. 29, the Acadiana American Cutting Horse Association will begin events at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Billy Haristy at (337) 783-5868 or Bob Bouget at (337) 684-6322.

On Aug. 30, the Louisiana Cutting Horse Association will open the morning with an 8 a.m. practice and then follow with regular activities at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Liz Romero at (337) 856-0236.

The Acadia Rice Arena is located at 159 Cherokee Drive in Crowley.

LSU plant conf. slated for Sept.

The LSU AgCenter has planned its 9th annual plant materials conference for Sept. 3 at the Ione E. Burden Conference Center in Baton Rouge.

The conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and will end around 4 p.m.

Discussions will focus on AgCenter ornamental plant trials, new daylily varieties and crape myrtle genetics. The keynote speaker is Brent Pemberton from Texas A&M University who will speak on earth-kind roses and bedding plant trials from east Texas.

Registration is \$25 per person and includes printed materials, refreshments and lunch.

For more information, contact Dr. Allen Owings at (225) 578-2222 or aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

In a resounding victory for Louisiana's crawfish industry, the U.S. International Trade Commission voted recently to renew a tariff on Chinese crawfish tail meat, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

"Without this positive vote, the Louisiana crawfish industry would have been dead in the water," Odom said. "This will give a tremendous economic shot in the arm to the hundreds of crawfish farmers, basin fishermen and processors who make up our industry."

The vote was unanimous, 4-0, to keep the existing antidumping order in place for an additional five years. The tariff was first imposed in 1997, after imports from China cut deeply into the Louisiana market. The tariff is up for renewal every five years.

"This means that the sunset review process on the tariff issue is over for this period and we have won," Odom said.

Odom said the tariff on Chinese crawfish tail meat has strong support from the state's crawfish industry, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

Congressman Chris John of Crowley praised the trade commission's decision to renew the tariff.

"The Commission made the right decision," John stated. "One of my first efforts as a new member of Congress in 1997 was to lobby the USITC to place tariffs on Chinese crawfish. That was Round 1 — this victory in Round 2 further justifies our fight and upholds the importance of this valuable South Louisiana industry. Crawfish provide more than \$100 million annually to our local economies — it's part of our rich heritage — and we'll fight for its survival."

U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu said the ITC decision is a victory for all of Louisiana.

"The ITC decision basically reinforces the uniqueness of

Louisiana's crawfish industry," Landrieu said. "The appeal of crawfish is nationwide and people will forever associate it with Louisiana ... and rightly so."

The antidumping duties range from 7.53 percent to 223.01 percent. Most of the duties are in the 200-percent range.

Tariffs vary because the Chinese companies supply different information on what they say is the commercial cost of doing business in the United States.

Tightening of bonding requirements also has had an impact. "In the last year Customs has beefed up its surveillance and enforcement of the \$50,000 bond requirement," Odom said. "Now that new tail meat importing companies are posting the bond they are much less likely to try to fudge or circumvent the tariff."

The antidumping case stems from a petition filed by Odom and a group of Louisiana processors in September 1996. The petition alleged that Chinese crawfish tail

meat was being dumped into U.S. markets at 50 percent less than Louisiana prices, doing great damage to the domestic industry.

In a span of three years, before the initial 1997 ruling, imported Chinese tail meat had caused an 80 percent plunge in the sale of Louisiana processed tail meat, the biggest moneymaker in the industry. Some 60 Louisiana crawfish processing businesses were either closed or their operations severely curtailed as a result of the dumping.

A number of tactics have been used by importers to circumvent the tariff since it was imposed. These have included transshipping through a third-party country and claiming that country as the importing country, and company name changes, little more than a corporate front company for the original parent company.

According to the LSU AgCenter's 2002 Louisiana summary, the total value of Louisiana's crawfish industry is \$100 million.

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in rural communities.

In "Cajun Country," Maida Bergeron and Jay Edwards identified herbal medicines, faith healing, religio-magic treatments, and magic medicine as the four general categories of Cajun folk healing in their "Folk Medicine" chapter.

Herbal medicine folk practitioners used herbs, roots and leaves of plants and other readily available products such as camphor, turpentine and tobacco.

Borrowing from French and English, Elizabeth Brandon identified this type of healer in her 1973 paper, "Folk Medicine in French Louisiana," for the UCLA Conference on American Folk Medicine, as a *remède-man*.

Some of the more widely known treatments employed spider webs to stop bleeding, placing a quid of tobacco on an insect bite to draw out the poison and drinking tea made from the *mamou* plant for colic, colds and pneumonia.

Martine Faulk Mallet of Bayou



Mamou or coral beans used to treat chest colds

Tigre was a folk practitioner in this category. (see Folk Remedies' story)

Traiteurs (treaters) fall under the faith healing mantle and believed they possess divine healing powers. They tend to be devout Christians, usually Catholics, and generally

effect cures through the laying-on of hands, repetitive signing of the cross and reciting prayers from the Bible.

Religio-magic and magic practitioners often used objects in their healings such as rubbing a nickel on a wart and allowing the client to

spend the coin.

The hapless shopper who ended up with the nickel would then acquire the wart.

Other magic practitioners may use a hoodoo bag or *gris gris* to dispel an "unnatural" disease. Graveyard dust, dried vulture skin, snake fangs and rusty nails are only some of the items a conjurer used to put malevolent spirits in their place.

Old World traditions coupled with Native American treatments make for an interesting mix of south Louisiana cures.

Whether the cures are real, sympathetic, psychological or psychosomatic, there is still a place for them in our modern society, says Dr. Ray Brassieur, a cultural anthropologist at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

"There is a great need for alternative treatments," Brassieur says. "The medical establishment is failing because it's too expensive and people can't afford it or there's no treatment."

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"She told me she had found out that it was good for sugar diabetes and that's how it all came about."

Malvin, given the handle 'Frenchie' because he was the only French-speaking pharmacy student in Monroe, said his grandmother routinely drank the moss tea for her diabetes.

"She treated her diabetes until no one would get her the moss anymore. We all grew up and moved away. That's when she started taking the traditional medicines from the drug store," Malvin said.

Mrs. Vincent removed the moss from the boiling water and poured out four cups of amber colored Spanish moss tea. She put a teaspoon of sugar in each cup, no doubt limiting the effectiveness of the potion to lower blood glucose.

"I guess it makes sense not to put sugar in the tea if you have the sugar diabetes," laughed Mrs.

Vincent.

She also remembered a moss treatment for arthritis.

"You pour hot water over the moss and mix two bottles of green alcohol and aspirin. You apply the liquid in a hot pack to the knees and that is good for arthritis."

Another remedy called for mothers to soak in a moss solution after giving birth to relieve pain and inflammation.

"Momma would take care of everybody. They would say, 'You better go see Martine'," Mrs. Vincent reminisced. "If a neighbor was sick or a child would come back from school full of fever and hurting, Momma would take that child in."

Malvin supposed his grandmother might have influenced him when he decided to take up pharmacology.

"I guess it might have had some direction in

the way it went," Malvin said. "I was going to be an agronomist, but when I studied plants and agriculture, I ran across pharmacy."

"We were treated with *mamou* and *citronnelle* growing up" for chest colds, Malvin said, using the French word for citronella.

"I was born in 1952 when that stuff was starting to phase out. The new medicines started coming into the market and, of course, everybody goes with the latest and leaves the oldest behind. They forgot about natural medicines, herbs and all," Malvin said.

But Malvin remembers the old ways, and as if to continue the family tradition of medicinal knowledge, his daughter, Hannah, is deciding whether to become a doctor or pharmacist.

Three generations. Like grandmother, like grandson. Like father, like daughter. It runs in the family. Martine would be proud.



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Gibbsland Farmers Market Assoc.
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Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. until sold out
June - Aug. 30

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river front at Festival Plaza
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May 31-July 30
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Lake Charles
Lake Charles Farmers Market
317 Pine Street
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Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez
Parking Garage
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m. May - Sept.
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon Oct. - April
Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Plaza
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Thibodaux Main Street Market
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June - Nov.

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June - Dec.

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Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank - downtown
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov.

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New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market
Location #1 - 700 Magazine St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.
#2 - Uptown Square, 200
Broadway
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.
#3 - American Can Co., 3700
Orleans Ave.
Thurs. 3 - 7 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat. 5 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June - Oct.

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West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ST. CHARLES PARISH

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German Coast Farmers Market
13786 River Rd., Ormond
Plantation
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jan. - Dec.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St.,
Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.
mid May - Nov.

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St. Martinville
St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
Sat. 8 - 11:30 a.m.
Jan. - Dec.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington
Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed. noon - 4 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead
Community Market
675 Lafitte St.

Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond
Cate Square Farmers Market
Charles St. & Oak St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

TERREBONNE PARISH

Houma

Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
- Terrebonne
Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.
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6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

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agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)
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April - Dec.

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Louisiana crops target of U.S. Labor Department

Louisiana sugarcane, cotton and strawberry producers are being targeted this year and next by the U.S. Department of Labor for violations of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.

During the Labor and Environmental Conference at the Louisiana Farm Bureau's 81st annual meeting, Barbara Mulhern, editor of the farm labor newsletter Gemppler's ALERT, warned growers in the three commodities that officials with the U.S. Department of Labor Wage-Hour Division would be traveling the state checking for infractions.

"What this covers is wage-hour type situations, as well as the Fair Labor Standards Act," Mulhern told about 200 farmers. "It also covers any type of violations with housing and also transportation."

Mulhern said her information came from a recent talk in which Tammy McCutchen, head of the labor department's Wage and Hour Division, said, "They were looking at farms they basically haven't picked on before. She was telling her inspectors to go out and not just go back to the same farms all the time but to find different ones."

Louisiana was not being singled out for special scrutiny, Mulhern said. McCutchen, she said, "went through state-by-state which commodities in particular there is going to be enforcement of various



laws."

In addition to violations of the Worker Protection Act, producers should also watch out for any child labor law and wage and hour law violations, as well as keep a close watch on the actions of labor contractors, she said. "Labor also now enforces OSHA field sanitation standards, which is the standard that requires you to have portable toilets out near the field."

She emphasized that maximum caution should be exercised when working with labor contractors,

who are middlemen or brokers for migrant labor. Get recommendations from other growers you know and trust, she said, because "if it turns out that the labor contractor is doing something in violation of the law, you are responsible for his actions, you are going to get in trouble also, even if you didn't know about it."

"You can expect the investigators to come when you're at your peak this harvest season," Mulhern said. "Keep good records and con-

Stiff fines levied for WPS violations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently proposed fining a Colorado grower \$232,000 for Worker Protection Standards violations, Barbara Mulhern told a labor seminar at the 81st annual Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation conference.

"This is the first time this has happened in EPA's history, a fine of this size," the editor of Gemppler's ALERT, a farm labor newsletter, said. In June, the EPA also proposed fines ranging from \$2,200 to \$23,320 for four other Colorado growers stemming from WPS allegations.

"It's hard to tell if it's coming your way or anybody else's way," Mulhern said.

"But I think what growers in other states need to watch out for is the message this is sending. The message is that

there are some very, very basic provisions in the WPS that have been around from the beginning, for nearly ten years now, and one of them is posting certain central information in a location that's accessible to workers."

Among the information: posting records of pesticide applications in the past 30 days, information on how to find the nearest emergency medical clinic and posting the WPS pesticide safety poster.

"There isn't much empathy now for growers who aren't doing that, because it doesn't cost a lot of money, it's simple, it's a basic provision," Mulhern said.

"I have heard from enforcers in other states, in New York, Florida, other places, that they are looking at these basic provisions. The central posting information is one of the biggest ones where they find violations."

sult with an attorney if you are contacted by the U.S. Department of Labor for a wage-hour audit or an attorney representing employees or former employees in a wage-hour dispute."

Mulhern also spoke about safety in the workplace. Now that Hispanics are the largest minority group in the United States, changes must be made to ensure their safety when they are working.

"We're dealing with a different work force in America," she said. "Of the 1.8 million hired farm

workers, 84 percent said their primary language is Spanish, and 75 percent said they read English just a little, or not at all. We've got to adjust to these changes so that everyone will benefit."

A bilingual employee who can communicate with the English-speaking grower and in turn communicate the grower's instructions to the Spanish speaking migrant workers so that they will know about job hazards and how to prevent them is one suggestion Mulhern said has been made.

Prospects for U.S. agriculture starting to rebound

By Scott Kilman
The Wall Street Journal

The U.S. agriculture sector, after spending five years mired in recession, is showing the strongest signs yet of a revival.

Commodity prices are jumping. Exports are climbing. The retreat since April of a protracted drought over the nation's midsection has increased prospects for big corn, wheat and soybean harvests. The drought has ended in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, and has eased in states such as Montana, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

The upshot: The revenue farmers generate this year from their crops and livestock could leap, spreading hope among the many states whose economies benefit from farm-related spending.

On top of that, federal subsidy checks to farmers are slated to nearly double this year to \$21.4 billion under the farm-aid law signed by President Bush last year. As a result, the Agriculture Department this month predicted that net farm income—a rough measure of profitability—will hit \$46.2 billion this year, up 53% from 2002, when it was at the lowest point since the mid-1980s farm crisis.

The farm economy "is in recovery and moving toward strength," said Michael Swanson, an economist at Wells, Fargo & Co., the San

Francisco banking concern.

Jay Wolf, a cattle rancher near Bartlett, Neb., is thinking about repairing fences, replacing a worn tractor and expanding his herd of 2,000 cows. With the return of rain, his once-brown pastures turned green again and the value of his Angus cattle has climbed 25% over the past year to the highest level in a decade.

"We've really been through the ringer," said Mr. Wolf, whose family owns the Wagonhammer ranch. "Now, ranchers are beginning to feel like they're in for a few good years."

To be sure, some sectors are still weak: Dairy farmers are struggling with the lowest milk prices in 25 years due to a glut in production. Areas such as cattle and grain farming that seem to be recovering could easily fizzle if drought spreads across the Midwest again. Moreover, farming has a long way to go to return to the boom years of the mid-1990s. The price of a bushel of corn, while up 15% in the past year to \$2.32 currently is still only 60% of what it was in June 1996.

For consumers, a rebound in the farm economy probably won't increase food costs significantly. The prices farmers are paid for their commodities represent a small part of the cost of food, which reflects the fact that packaging and trans-

portation are becoming bigger expenses as food travels farther and in more complicated forms, such as microwavable dinners.

Global Insight Inc., an economic forecasting concern in Eddystone, Pa., expects the Consumer Price Index for food to climb 1.7% this year, slightly less than last year's increase of 1.8%.

The strongest sign the farm economy is gathering steam is that many crop prices are rising even as the return of ample rains across the Great Plains and Midwest this spring is increasing the chances for big harvests. In recent years, only crop disasters lifted prices. The Agriculture Department's price index of all farm products—which tracks 49 commodities—jumped 12% in May from a year earlier.

This is due partly to the depreciation of the U.S. dollar against many currencies, which for foreign customers makes U.S. goods cheaper than those of competitors such as the European Union. The federal government expects U.S. farm exports to hit \$56 billion during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, up 5% from last year. That would be the highest level since 1997, when cooling Asian economies began driving down U.S. exports, helping to tip the U.S. farm economy into recession.

During the lean years, U.S. farmers lost global market share to for-

eign competitors, and some economists doubt they can win it back. South America's farmers have just finished harvesting a soybean crop that for the first time is bigger than what the U.S. produces annually. Likewise, Russia, which was addicted to American wheat in the 1970s and 1980s, is now emerging as a major competitor. The U.S. share of the world's wheat trade will probably drop to 21.5% this year from 34% in 1997, according to AgResource Co., a Chicago commodity research firm.

The recession also sparked a bru-

tal shakeout among U.S. farmers. The number of hog producers, for example, has plunged by one-third over the past five years to about 75,000.

Even as conditions improve, the survivors, as well as their bankers, are leery of loosening purse strings too quickly. Industrywide sales of large tractors and harvesting combines, which carry six-figure price tags, are expected to be flat this year. "We're focused on paying down debts for now," said David O'Brien, who recently slashed the

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